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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Maurice Hayes, 30, of Sun Prairie, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 78 months in prison for distribution of crack cocaine. This term of imprisonment will be followed by five years of supervised release. Hayes pleaded guilty to this charge on May 27, 2008.

On December 6, 2006, Hayes delivered an ounce of crack cocaine to an informant in Monona. Hayes has five prior convictions for possessing controlled substances and was on probation at the time of this offense.

The charges against Hayes were the result of an investigation conducted by Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau and the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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